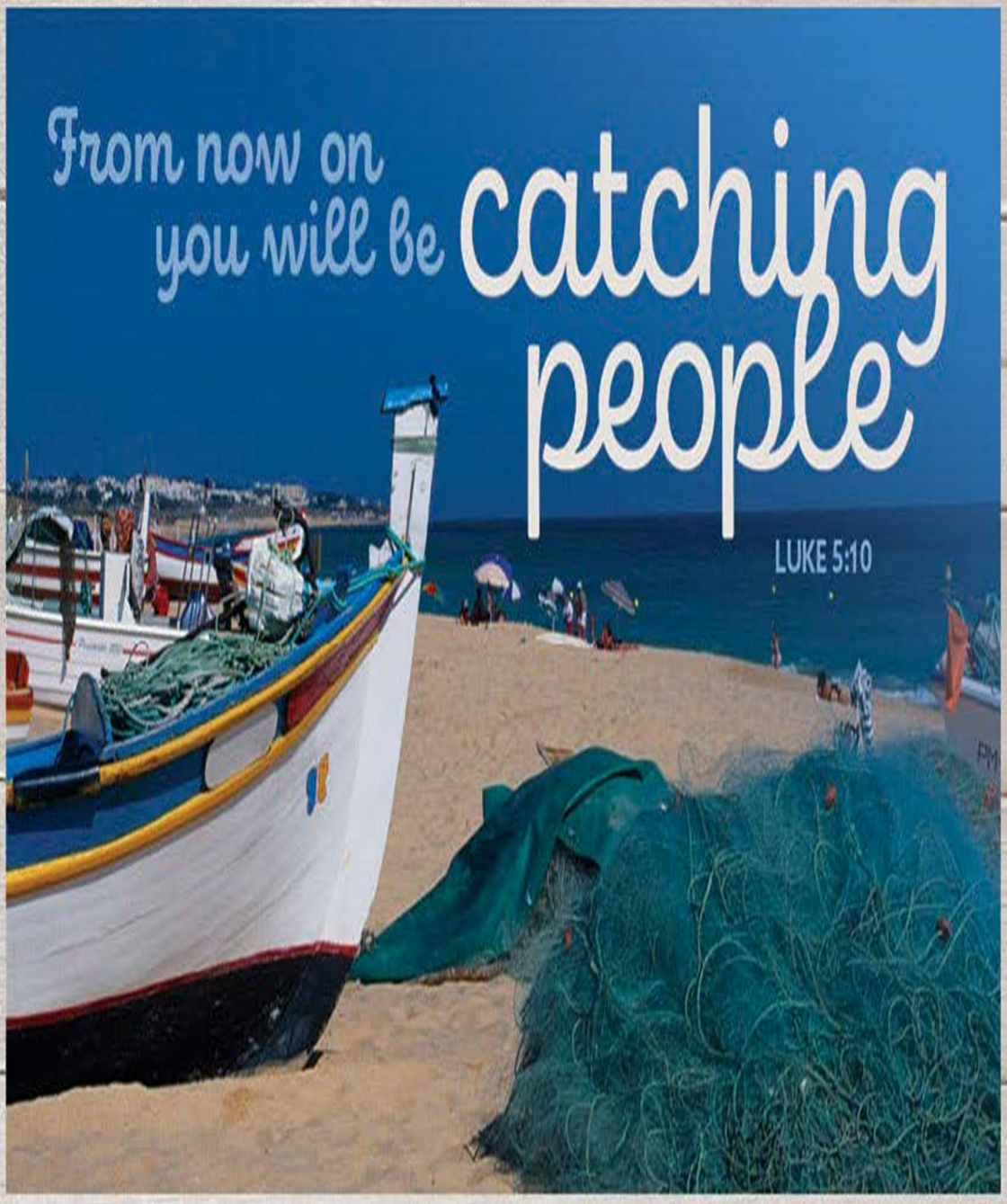


Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI
February 9, 2025 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany
Scout Sunday

SCOUT SUNDAY - February 9, 2025

Today, we are celebrating Scout Sunday which recognizes Emmanuel's sponsorship of Scouts BSA Troop 290 of the Michigan Crossroads Council. This year marks the 115th anniversary of Scouting in the United States.

Emmanuel and the Scouting Movement have a long history of cooperation. Troop 290 was first chartered to Emmanuel Lutheran Church in 1971 by Carl Sheffler, Reed Maes Jr., Dale Suckstorff and Jack Phillips. Later on it was led by the Barnard, Gelletly, Witte and Barr families, all Emmanuel members. In addition to many community members, there are several Emmanuel members and families who are active Scouts and leaders in the Troop. The Troop plays an important role in reaching out to the youth in the community and enhancing the presence of Emmanuel Lutheran within the Ypsilanti area.

Recently, Troop 290 has flourished and continues to grow. In 2018, Scouts BSA introduced "family scouting" and now welcomes girls to join. In 2019, the Troop Committee received unanimous approval from the Church Council to expand and now offers a Troop for girls. The two separate Troops (boys and girls) combined have over 30 Scouts and 20 adults registered, some of which are Emmanuel members. Both boys and girls ages 10½ through 17 can join and they meet on Sunday nights at 6pm in the basement. Over 60 Troop 290 Scouts have earned the rank of Eagle Scout, many who are members of Emmanuel. Please check out the three plaque in the Gathering Area. So, if you know of a young man or woman who is interested in camping, cooking, swimming, hiking, biking, shooting sports, being outdoors and much more, have them email Scoutmasters Benjamin Jellema (boys) or Leah Nehls (girls) at scoutmaster@troop290.us. To find out more information and see pictures, please visit the Troop web site at www.troop290.us.

Both Troops follow the Scout Oath and Law and uses the Scout Method to help Scouts develop into leaders. The three goals of Scouting are:

- Character and leadership development
- Teach each Scout self-discipline and respect for others
- Give back to the community with high regard to personal honor and duty to God and country.

Finally, please join all the Scouts and leaders immediately following the worship service in the Gathering Area for a Coffee Hour. Take a moment to greet them and let them know that Emmanuel supports them.

TROOP 290 EAGLE SCOUTS

** Emmanuel members

Alton Ford	1971	**	Matthew Bates	2005	
Ed Suckstorff	1972	**	Brandon Chapple	2006	**
Matt Suckstorff	1974	**	Daniel Bates	2007	
Steven Bensinger	1974	**	Joshua Rotz	2007	
Bruce Phillips	1976	**	Timothy Nestorak	2008	
Kirk Maes	1976	**	Robert Limmer	2009	
Steven Phillips	1977	**	Edward Calhoun	2009	
Buddy Moorehouse	1977		Robert Chapple	2010	**
Rick Phillips	1979	**	Brian McGuire	2011	
John Morgan	1981	**	Justin Richardson	2012	
Russel Witte	1981	**	Zachary Denoyer	2013	
Chris Helzerman	1982	**	Patrick Russie	2013	
Eric Maes	1983	**	Tristan Brauer	2013	
Timothy Barnard	1984	**	Samuel June	2014	
Raymond Carr	1985		Matt Maurer	2014	
David Phillips	1986	**	Michael White	2015	
Charles Helzerman	1987	**	Nathan Helberg	2016	
Paul Algee	1987		Tim Runstadler Jr.	2016	
John Barr Jr.	1987	**	Michael Kim	2016	
Charles Barnard	1988	**	Jacob Kaczmarek	2017	
Matthew Blinn	1989		Joseph Capuano III	2017	
Karl Barr	1989	**	Delmar Carr III	2018	**
Ryan Witte	1989	**	Chico Snyder	2020	
Jacob Kauth	1991		Deacon Bent	2021	
Peter Nelson	1992		William Edwards	2021	
James Algee	1994		Maxim Sorel	2022	
Benjamin Jellema	1995		Benjamin Callaway	2023	
Eric Chanowski	1998		Aidan Gadepalli	2023	
Daniel Cobb	2002		Reed Maes	2023	**
Francisco Garcia	2003		Natallia Bent	2023	
Christopher Morin	2004	**	Zachary Hamilton	2024	
			Dominic Bent	2024	

TROOP 290 SCOUTMASTERS

** Emmanuel members

Reed Maes Jr.	1971-1973	**	Russ Witte	1991-1992	**
Dale Suckstorff	1973-1975	**	Jack Padley	1992-1994	
Mike Gelletly	1975-1977	**	Jim Abercrombie	1994-2000	
Rich Witte	1977-1982	**	John Barr Jr.	2000-2004	**
Steve Barnard	1982-1984	**	Eric Maes	2004-2008	**
Ron Algee	1984-1985		Paul Tramp	2008-2012	
Chester Javis	1985-1986		Joe Capuano Jr.	2012-2018	
John Barr Sr.	1986-1987	**	Scott Snyder	2018-2022	
Ron Algee	1988-1991		Leah Nehls (G290)	2019-	
			Benjamin Jellema	2022-	

Worship Key
P: Pastor
A: Assisting Ministers
C: Congregation

PRELUDE *"How Great Thou Art"*
Emmanuel Handbell Choir

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.
C: Amen.

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

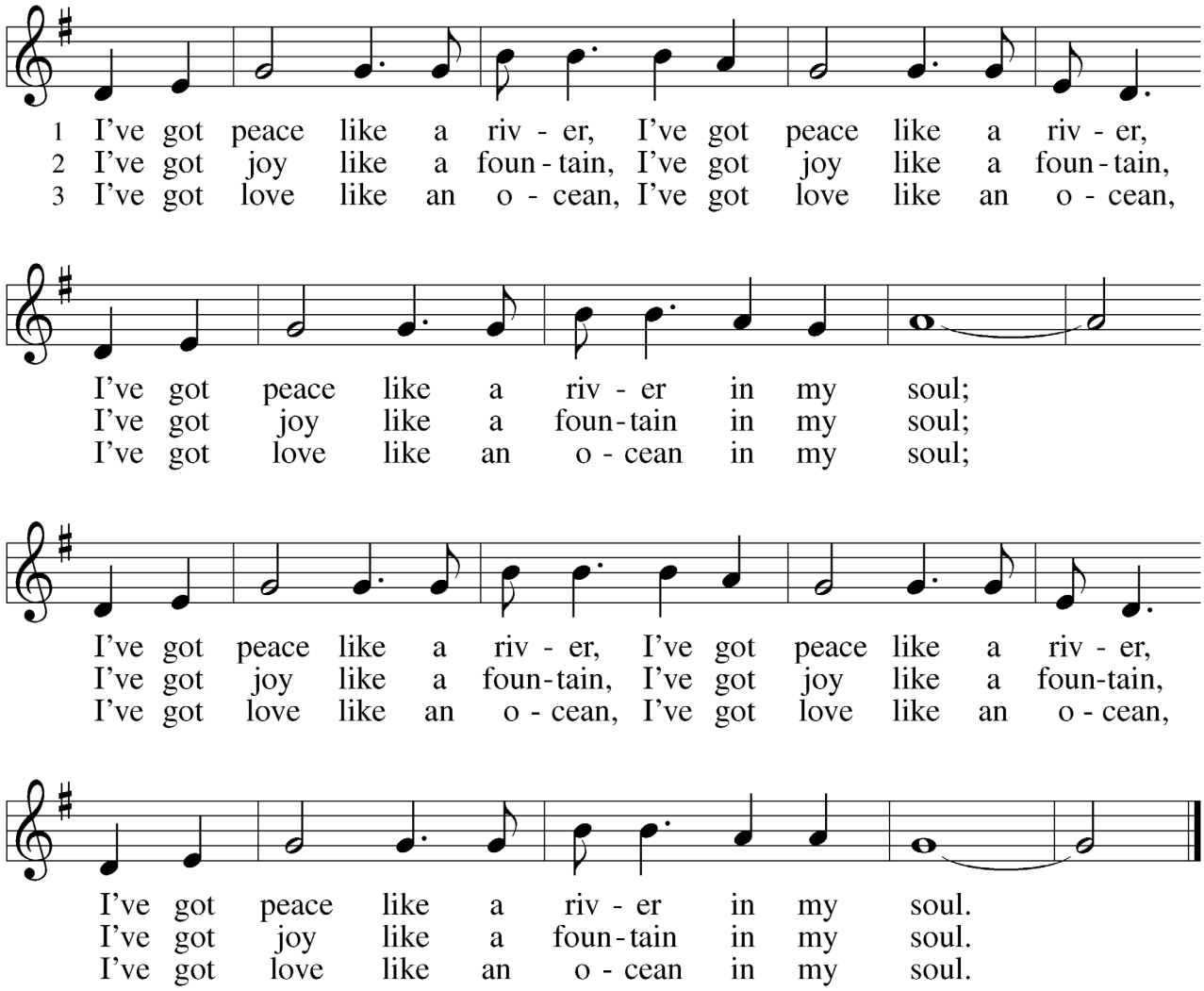
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,
C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ☩ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.
C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN TFF 258

"I've Got Peace like a River"


1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,
2 I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain,
3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,
I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul;
I've got joy like a foun - tain in my soul;
I've got love like an o - cean in my soul;
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I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul.
I've got joy like a foun - tain in my soul.
I've got love like an o - cean in my soul.

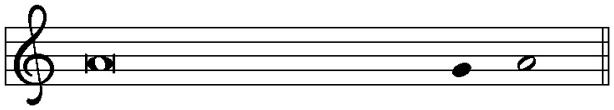
Text: traditional
Music: PEACE LIKE A RIVER, African American spiritual

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



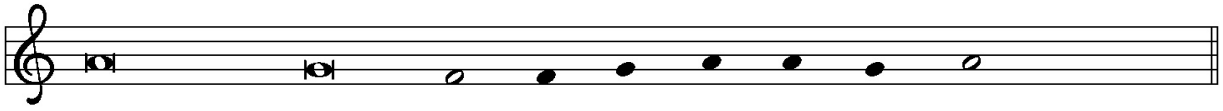
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

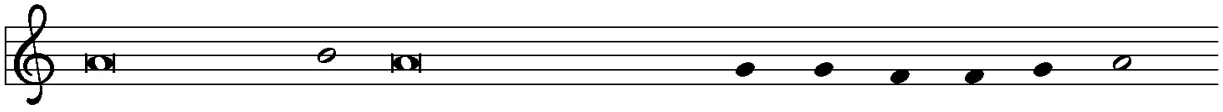
Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

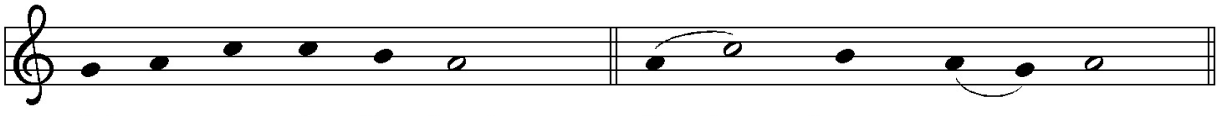


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8

Through a vision in the temple, the eighth-century prophet Isaiah is called by God to announce judgment against Israel. Aware of his sinfulness and shortcomings, Isaiah is initially hesitant. But when God calls, Isaiah responds, "Here am I; send me!"

A: A reading from Isaiah.

1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and
lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. 2 Seraphs were in attendance
above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two
they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 3 And one called to another and
said, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."
4 The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the
house filled with smoke. 5 And I said, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of
unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the
King, the LORD of hosts!"
6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken
from the altar with a pair of tongs. 7 The seraph touched my mouth with it and
said, "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin
is blotted out." 8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send,
and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

A: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 138

I will bow down toward your holy temple. (Ps. 138:2)

P: [1] I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
C: [2] I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.
P: [3] When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.
C: [4] All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
P: [5] They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.
C: [6] The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.
P: [7] Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
C: [8] You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul delivers in a nutshell the story of the gospel that was given to him. In the lineage of the Christian faith, we have received the good news of God's love from generations of believers before us, and we continue to tell this story to the world.

A: A reading from First Corinthians.

[1] Now I want you to understand, brothers and sisters, the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, [2] through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

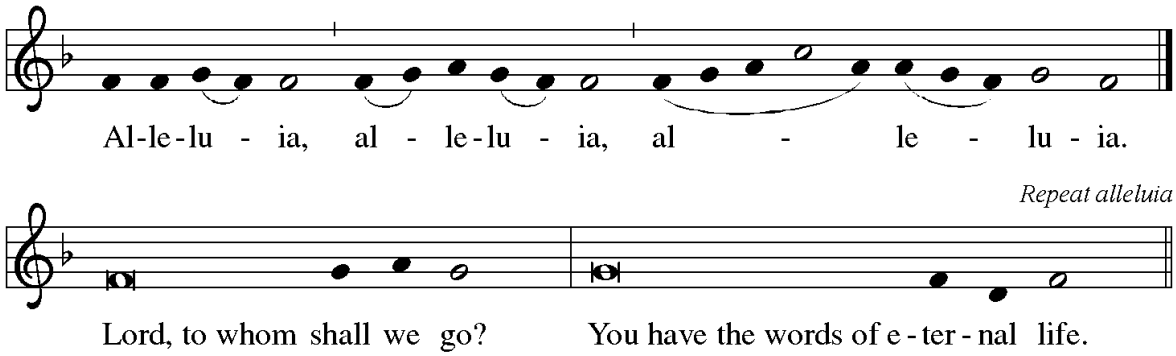
[3] For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures [4] and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the

scriptures [5] and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. [6] Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. [7] Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. [8] Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. [9] For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. [10] But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I but the grace of God that is with me. [11] Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you believed.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11

Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement leads these three fishermen to leave everything behind to become apostles.

P: The Gospel according to Luke.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[1] Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, [2] he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. [3] He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. [4] When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into

the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." [5] Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." [6] When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. [7] So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. [8] But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" [9] For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, [10] and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." [11] When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME — Rev. Joshua Rinas

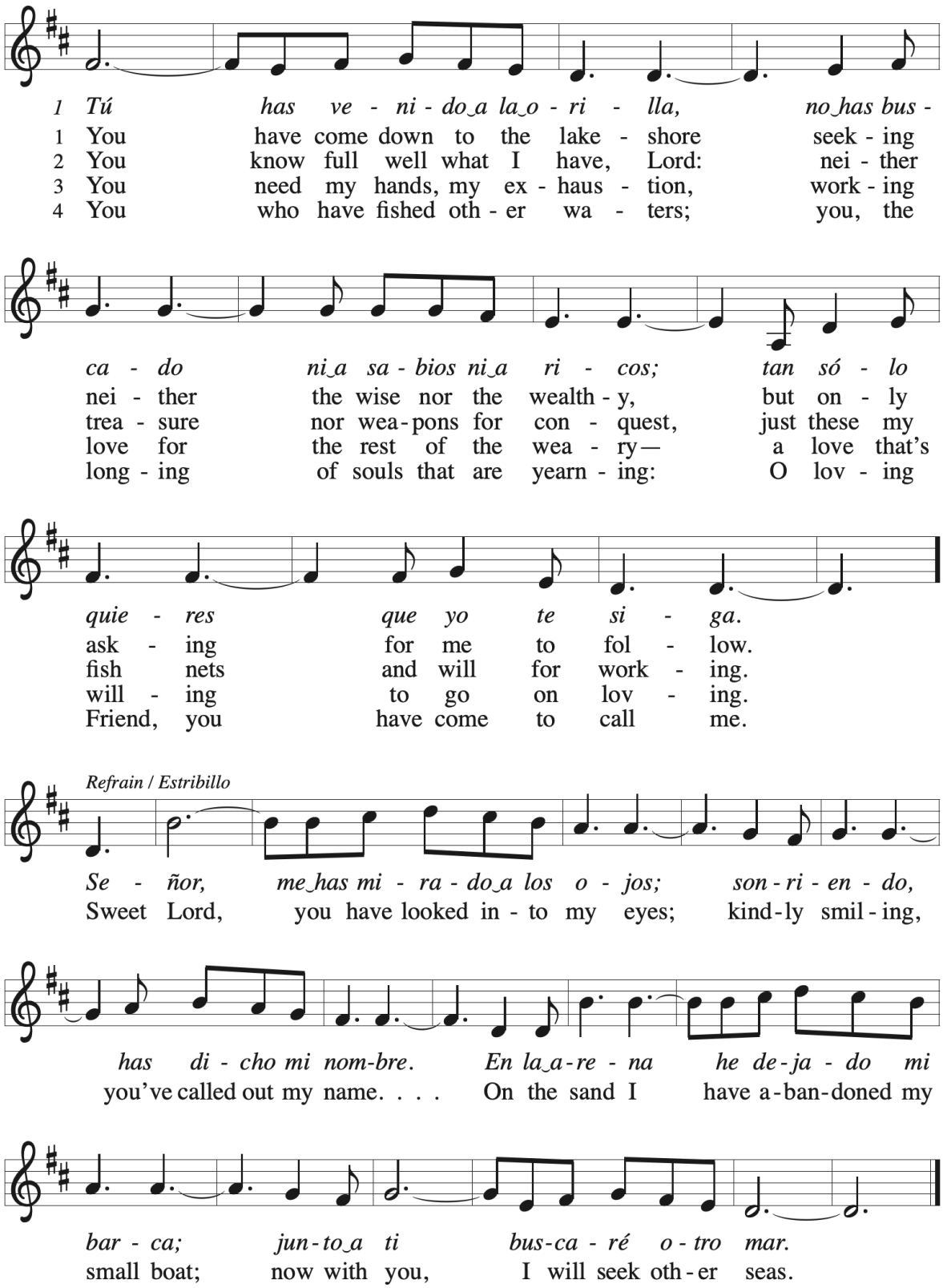
A special message for children.

SERMON — Rev. Joshua Rinas

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 817

"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"


1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -
1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther
3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing
4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the
ca - do ni a sa - bios ni a ri - cos; tan só - lo
nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly
trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my
love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's
long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing
quie - res que yo te si - ga.
ask - ing for me to fol - low.
fish nets and will for work - ing.
will - ing to go on lov - ing.
Friend, you have come to call me.
Refrain / Estribillo
Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,
Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,
has di - cho mi nom-bre. En la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi
you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my
bar - ca; jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.
small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: God of surprising abundance, you call your people to enter deeply into the world. Equip us to respond to your call, gather up what we have, and offer it to all. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of creation, provide protection from the elements and other hazards to all whose work brings them outside: for fishers, ranchers, line workers, and construction crews. Guide us to live carefully alongside the wonders of the land and waters. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Open the hearts of all leaders, especially those who serve in the armed forces, that they respond to their commission with wisdom and patience. Ensure that all who serve are kept safe in body, mind, and spirit. We pray for an end to all war and armed conflict. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Fill with your compassionate presence all who are suffering from addiction, mental illness, injury, or illness of any kind especially John, Corky, Lynn, Vicki, Ruth, Judy, Mary Beth, Eric, and Steve. Draw helpers to their side so that they find relief from their burdens. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Call our faith communities to do marvelous things. Bless the labor and efforts of this congregation, that we may be a sign of your presence in the world. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

A: For what else does this congregation pray? Prayers may be said aloud, typed into the live chat box, or silently in your hearts…

Brief Pause for the congregation to respond.

A: We thank you for those who have courageously gone before us in the faith. May we too show a deep trust in you throughout our lives. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

A: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.
C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

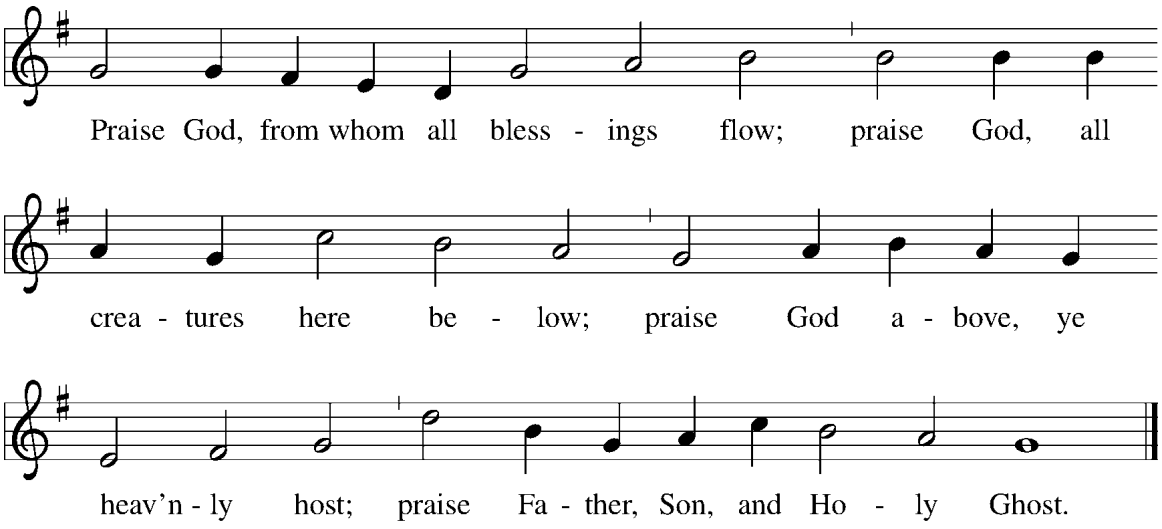
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN – *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*


Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

God of grace,
your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.
Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

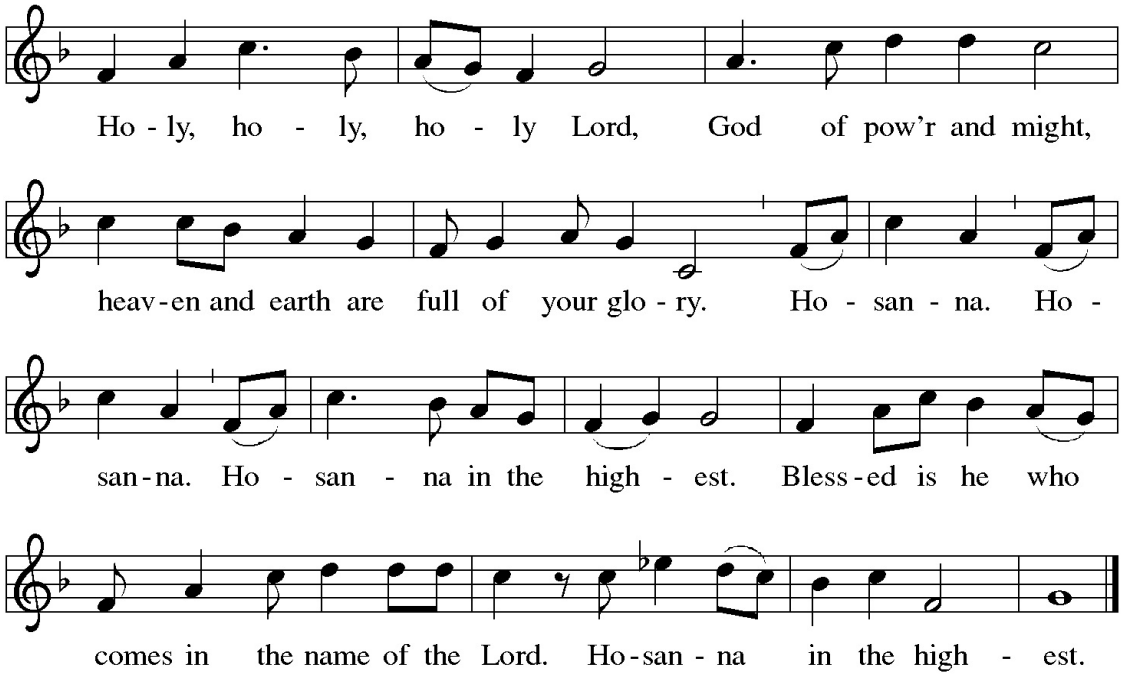
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy God, mighty and merciful, your people praise you, saying:
C: Your mercy endures forever.

P: By your promise you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures, granting them life and calling them to flourish, setting the sign of your bow in the clouds, the colors of your love and faithfulness.
C: Your mercy endures forever.

P: By your promise you bound yourself to your people of old, blessing them with family outnumbering the stars and calling them to be a blessing to others, showing them steadfast love in every generation and calling them to be a light to the nations.
C: Your mercy endures forever.

P: By your promise you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved, grafting us into your living Vine, and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: With this bread and cup we remember his life laid down and lifted up as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and wine. Bless us to be a blessing. Make us a sign of your faithfulness. Send us to tend and cherish the earth and to serve the world with mercy and love.

With all the saints in light, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus, in your Spirit, now and forever.
C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

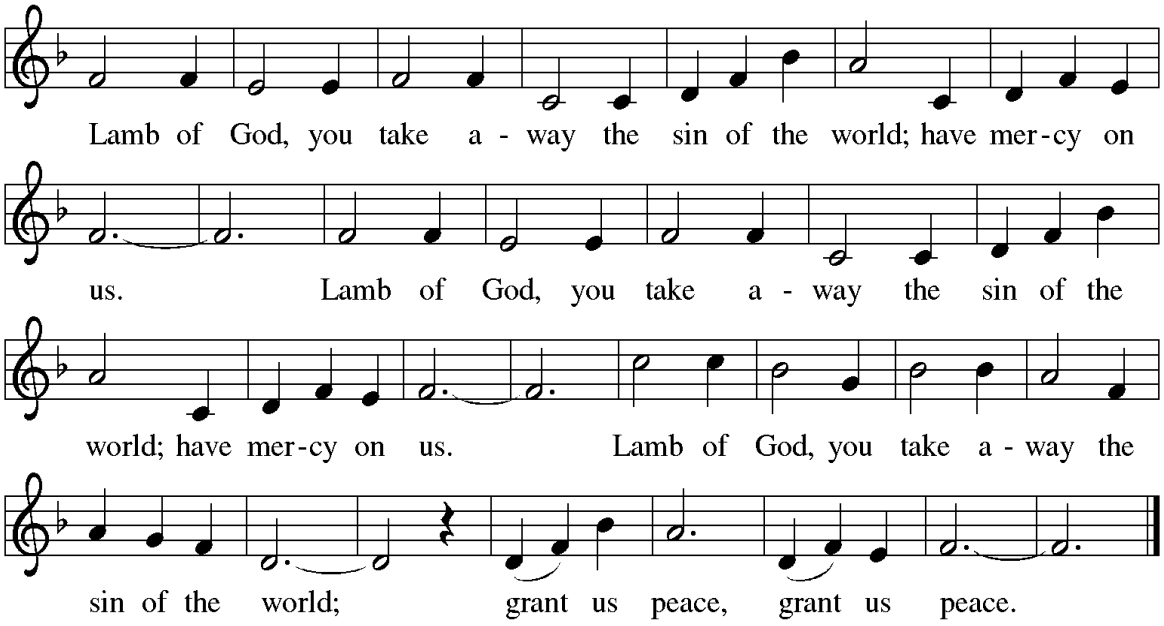
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

LAMB OF GOD CANTICLE


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948
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COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN - *"Peace In the Valley"*

I am tired and weary but I must toil on
Till the Lord come to call me away
Where the morning is bright and the Lamb is the light
And the night is fair as the day

There'll be peace in the valley for me some day
There'll be peace in the valley for me
I pray no more sorrow and sadness or trouble will be
There'll be peace in the valley for me

There the flow'rs will be blooming, the grass will be green
And the skies will be clear and serene
The sun ever shines, giving one endless beam
And the clouds there will ever be seen

There the bear will be gentle, the wolf will be tame
And the lion will lay down by the lamb
The host from the wild will be led by a Child
I'll be changed from the creature I am

No headaches or heartaches or misunderstands
No confusion or trouble won't be
No frowns to defile, just a big endless smile
There'll be peace and contentment for me

by Thomas A. Dorsey (1939)
Blues and gospel composer Thomas A. Dorsey conceived the song during the pre-World War II tensions of the late 1930s while traveling via train through southern Indiana. Upon observing horses, cows, and sheep all grazing together in a small valley, Dorsey questioned why mankind can't live in peace. "The Valley" in this gospel song refers to Heaven. Dorsey intended the song for Mahalia Jackson, with whom he toured off and on through the early 1950s. (Source: Wikipedia)

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.
C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.
C: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

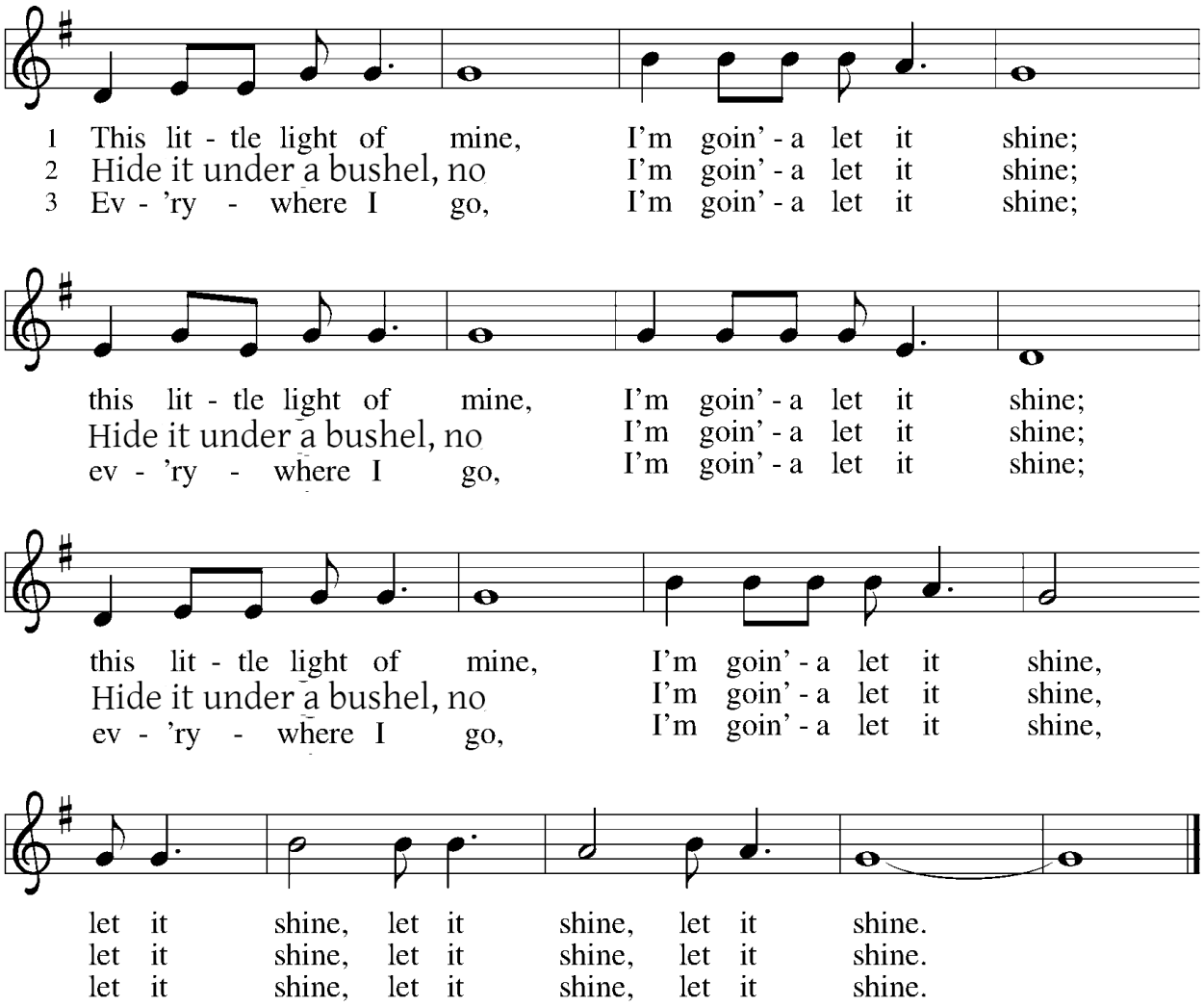
SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: The Spirit of the triune God
☩ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.
C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN *"This Little Light of Mine"*


1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Hide it under a bushel, no I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Live in hope.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! If this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex (Lobby), we would love to connect with you.

*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!
*Children's bulletins available, please see an usher.
*Printed copies of the Newsletter are in the magazine holder in the Narthex.
**Christ in Our Home* devotionals (January - March) can be found in the Narthex.
*Hand Sanitizers can be found in the Narthex and hanging at the end of the pews.

Please remember to wear your Name Tag

It's a help for visitors and folks you may not have seen for a while. If you need a new Name tag, please let Jennifer know.

2025 Altar Flower Sign-up

The 2025 Altar flower sign-up has been put up on the bulletin board outside the office. **Please sign-up for your date and turn in the form and monies in the offering plate or office mailbox.** Thank you!

Annual Meeting & Potluck - Sunday, February 16, 2025

The Annual Meeting is set for Sunday, February 16th, following the worship service. There will be a potluck luncheon right after the meeting. Feel free to bring a dish to share! **Chicken will be provided by the Council.** Please come out for some fellowship and help plan Emmanuel's future!

The Annual Report for 2024 will be emailed to members. There will also be printed copies in the Narthex beginning Sunday, February 2.

Those who are confirmed, who contribute recorded financial gifts each year (loose plate offerings are not recorded), and who commune at least once per year (3 C's - confirmed, contribute, and commune) are welcome to vote. If you do not meet the criteria of the 3 C's, you are welcome to attend but not to cast a vote on the issues presented. If you have any questions about the annual meeting please see Peter Walline, Council President.

Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is making an earlier appearance in 2025 as the Clothes Closet begins a focus on individuals/groups within Emmanuel that need our assistance. Paul, Emmanuel's custodian will again be making a mission trip in June to the Dominican Republic. Paul has traveled many times with Hope International Ministries and says there are around 250 people traveling to the Dominican Republic this summer.

The Clothes Closet Giving Tree will be up in February and March to accept all donations of toothbrushes and toothpaste (any brand or size). Ask your dentist's office if they are willing to donate any toothbrushes or toothpaste! Please bring your donation in before March 30 and help decorate the Giving Tree!

Let's Go Out to Eat!

The Membership Committee would like to invite you to a meal and conversation on Tuesday, February 18th at 5pm at Aubree's in Depot Town – located at 39 E. Cross St. Ypsilanti, MI. This is a social event for people to get to know each other better. If you have a friend who you'd like to bring who isn't a member at Emmanuel, they're more than welcome!

A reminder from the Membership committee

We have replenished the supply of Blessing Bags with items to help our friends in need during this winter cold, hats, gloves, hand warmers, personal items, and snacks. Please take a moment and pick up a bag or two (men's are blue, women's are red) from outside the office, and pass them along to someone less fortunate than we are. Be a blessing to someone in need. Thank you.

Ways to Give: Giving can be done online by clicking here. Or mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

Text to Give: Text 734-548-9438. Simply text the amount you would like to give and follow the prompts.

Paypal: Select payment type "Friends and Family" using emmanuelypsi@gmail.com. Please indicate account (general fund, flowers, memorials, etc.) where it says add message.

Mobile App: Download the Vanco Payments Mobile app for free from Google Play. In the app, select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

This Week at Emmanuel

Sunday, February 9 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany
Scout Sunday

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour (Hosted by the Scouts) 11:00am – Noon
- Confirmation Class
- Bethel Service 12:00pm

Tuesday, February 11

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 10:30am
- Refresh Committee 11:30am – 1:00pm
- Food Gatherers delivery

Wednesday, February 12

- Clothes Closet 9:00am – 10:30am
- **Bible Study 12:30pm – 2:00pm**
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- AA Meeting 8:00pm – 9:00pm

Thursday, February 13

- Class of ’53 9:00am – 11:00am
- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am
- YCC 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Friday, February 14

- NA Meeting 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Sunday, February 16 – 6th Sunday after Epiphany
New Member Sunday

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- Chancel Choir 9:30am
- **Worship 10:00am**
- **CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK**
- Bethel Service 12:00pm
- Scouts 6:00pm

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God.

For those with young children: Emmanuel's "Pray-Ground," located at the front of the church, was established as a positive, welcoming experience for children in church. Many churches have begun using this feature, which gives small children a space to squirm, quietly play with soft toys, books, and do arts and crafts. Parents may want to sit nearby to accompany children, but don't worry about noise—worship leaders have microphones! We encourage everyone with little ones to give this a try.

Prayers requested for: John, Corky, Lynn, Vicki, Ruth, Judy, Linda, Mary Beth, Eric, and Steve.

Assisting Ministers Needed!

Sign up on the sheet outside the office or call the office; Or through sign-up genius. Assisting Ministers - Click here or Scan QR code

Links:

Livestream Worship - https://www.youtube.com/@emmanuelypsi
Giving Online - Online donation
Clothes Closet - ClothesCloset@emmanuelypsi.org
Food Pantry - FoodPantry@emmanuelypsi.org

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Minister of Worship Music..... David Meitzler
Minister of Choral Conducting..... Jamie Gallupe
Assisting Minister..... Conner Ashley
Readers..... Roland Toole, Zoey Gadepalli
Greeters..... Sera Bergman, Hazel Fredrickson, Solstice Fredrickson, Devin Fredrickson

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